

Docket No.: 48317US028

**32692**

Customer Number

**Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal**

Mail Stop 313(c)  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

First Named Inventor: Japuntich, Daniel A.

Application No.: 09/680465

Group Art Unit: 3743

Filed: October 6, 2000

Examiner: Aaron J. Lewis

Title: FIBROUS FILTRATION FACE MASK HAVING A NEW UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUID VALVE

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
  - iii.  Other
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS (Moldex 2300 Mask and Moldex Prior Art Statement sent by mail)
  - iv.  Other

2.  A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees or credit any overpayments to:

Deposit Account No. 13-3723. A duplicate copy of this letter for fees processing is enclosed.

- i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e)
- ii.  Other

Respectfully submitted,

February 21, 2006

Date

By:

Karl G. Hanson, Reg. No. 32,900

Telephone No.: 651-736-7776

Office of Intellectual Property Counsel  
 3M Innovative Properties Company  
 Facsimile No.: (651) 736-3833

**Certificate of Mailing or Transmission**

I certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date indicated below:

Sent to Facsimile No.:  
 571-273-0025

Signature:

Printed Name: Susan M. Dacko

Date: February 21, 2006

**FAX RECEIVED**

<b>FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL FORM</b>	Application Number	09/680465	<b>FEB 21 2006</b>
	Filing Date	October 6, 2000	
	First Named Inventor	Japuntich, Daniel A.	
	Art Unit	3743	
	Examiner Name	Aaron J. Lewis	
Fax: 571-273-0025	Attorney Docket Number	48317US028	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission: 8			
Date: February 21, 2006		Attorney for Applicant: Karl G. Hanson	

<b>ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Issue Fee Transmittal <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment Transmittal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition for Withdrawal From Issue	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences	
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/Declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Technology Center (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information	
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosures:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR § 1.52 or 1.53 <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 35 USC 371 in US Designated/ Elected Office (DO/EO/US)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal		
<input type="checkbox"/> Drawings	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Technology Center		
<b>REMARKS:</b>			

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION  
MAY CONTAIN CONFIDENTIAL OR LEGALLY PRIVILEGED INFORMATION  
INTENDED ONLY FOR THE PERSON OR ENTITY NAMED BELOW.

If you are not the intended recipient, please do not read, use, disclose, distribute or copy this transmission.  
If this transmission was received in error, please immediately notify me by telephone directly at 651-736-7776 or  
651-733-1500, and we will arrange for its return at no cost to you.